GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN SUGARCANE PRICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand from sugarcane growers across the country particularly from Karnataka and Maharashtra to increase the support price of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the details thereof vis-Ã -vis the present support price of sugarcane;

(c) whether the Government proposes to announce the increased support price of sugarcane in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Demand has been received for increasing the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for the sugarcane growers of Karnataka.

(b): The SMP of sugarcane payable by sugar factories for the sugar season 2007-08 has been fixed at Rs. 81.18 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 9% subject to a premium of Re. 0.90 for every 0.1% increase above the basic recovery.

There has been a demand to enhance sugarcane price for the sugar season 2007-08 by at least Rs. 200/- per tonne, as one time measure, in respect of 46 sugar mills working in Karnataka. There has also been demands for additional payment of Rs. 300/- per tonne as also fixation of SMP at Rs. 1200/- per tonne of sugarcane.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.